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*How to Order
Antique Vehicle
License Plates*

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A Message From The Secretary Of State

*A*ntique vehicle owners are a special group of individuals whose interest in America's history is shown through the cars they have preserved.

Since 1968, the Vehicle Services Department of the Illinois Secretary of State's office has offered antique vehicle license plates that are specially priced and designed for antique car owners.

You may apply for your antique vehicle plates by submitting the appropriate license plate application and fee, and a statement verifying the use and condition of your vehicle.

The office also sponsors the annual Antique Auto Show and Sports Car Meet in September in Springfield. For more information, call our toll-free number at 1 - 800 - 252-8980.

Jim Edgar

Secretary of State

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Questions and Answers

Q. How old must a vehicle be in order to be eligible for antique vehicle license plates?

A. Motor vehicles (*including motorcycles*) or bona fide replicas must be more than 25 years old. Firefighting vehicles must be at least 20 years old.

Q. What is the difference between a *bona fide replica* and a *facsimile*?

A. A bona fide replica is an **exact** copy of the original in design, frame, and mechanical operation. A facsimile is a close, but not exact reproduction of the original; some contemporary parts are used. Because facsimiles are not **exact** reproductions, they **do not** qualify for antique vehicle plates.



More than 250 antique and sports cars are entered yearly in the Secretary of State's Antique Auto Show.

Q. What restrictions are placed on vehicles displaying the plates?

A. 1) These vehicles may be driven on the highways **only** to and from an antique auto show or exhibition, service station, or a demonstration.

2) The mechanical and physical condition (*including brakes, lights, glass and appearance*) of these vehicles must be the same or as safe as originally equipped.

Q. What documents are needed when applying for the plates?

A. 1) RT OPR-10, affirmation of use and condition of antique motor vehicle;
2) VSD-190, application for title and/or registration, with fee and current ID card or assigned title.

If the vehicle is already titled in your name, send a copy of the title, not the original.

If a title is not available, contact the Non-Standard Plates Section to inquire about an alternative method of obtaining a title.

Q. May I request that a specific number be displayed on the plates?

A. Yes. The plates are issued in a limited number series, but there is no guarantee that your number request will be available. No letter or letter-number combinations are available.

Q. What is the registration period for these plates?

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A. The plates are issued for a two-year registration period (*January 1 of an even-numbered year through December 31 of an odd-numbered year*).

Q. How many plates am I eligible to receive?

A. One set for each qualified vehicle.

Q. How much is the registration fee for the plates?

A. \$10 per set.

Q. May I obtain the plates during the two-year registration period if . . .

1) I have a vehicle currently registered with other license plates? *

2) I have a vehicle that was previously registered in another state? *

3) I have recently purchased a vehicle? **

A. Yes. Refer to the following fee schedule:

If vehicle registered during:	Jan. 1 – June 15 first year	June 16 – Dec. 15 first year	Dec. 16 – second year
Fee is:	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$6.00

NOTE: The fee for an Illinois title is not included in the above fees.

* Use the date that your application was submitted to our office to determine the proper fee.

** Use the date of purchase to determine the proper fee.

Basic Facts About Antique Vehicle License Plates

- Available for motor vehicles over 25-years-old that are as safe as originally equipped. (*Firetrucks must be 20-years-old.*)
- May be used on antique vehicles that travel **only** to and from an auto show, service station, or demonstration.
- Cost \$10 per set.
- Are issued for a two-year registration period.
- To obtain them, you must submit an affirmation of use and condition (**RT OPR-10**), proof of ownership (*title, etc.*), and the appropriate license plate application and fee.

To obtain an antique vehicle affirmation and the appropriate license plate application, go to the nearest Secretary of State drivers license facility, or write to:

*Secretary of State
Non-Standard Plates Section
Centennial Building
Springfield, IL 62756*